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**ABSTRACT** 

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Provided are additives for a polyester composition that impart improved flavor retaining properties. More particularly, the present invention relates to a poly(ethylene terephthalate)/active methylene composition in which the concentration of acetaldehyde that is contained in the polyester is reduced. Reducing the amount of acetaldehyde in the poly(ethylene terephthalate) improves the flavor and fragrance of foodstuff that is packaged in a container comprising the composition of the present invention.

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